

# VILLAGE NEWS

Chadwell, Eastwell, Eaton, Goadby Marwood,  
Scalford, Stonesby, Waltham, Wycomb

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[www.ironstonechurches.org](http://www.ironstonechurches.org)



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It seems as though life is emerging from a long sleep - waking up and finding itself already halfway through 2020. There are faint shufflings of plans for future events: see the back page where Anna is opening up the 'Secret Tea Garden', and Eaton are making plans for a virtual horticultural show. Also, (page 11) Eastwell are planning a churchyard market in September.

With any luck, we can keep moving in the right direction.



This picture is by Estelle Slegers Helsen of Waltham - see [www.newtraces.uk](http://www.newtraces.uk).

Please may I have all items for August by FRIDAY, 24th JULY  
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## EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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### JULY NEWS

#### Parish Council Meetings

Remote Monday, 20th July at 7.30 pm by Zoom. Please see Council's web site on the day of the meeting for details of how to join the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome.

Agendas and minutes are on the following website: [www.eatonpc.org.uk](http://www.eatonpc.org.uk). Details of remote meetings will be made available here.

#### Dogs on the Allotments

Dogs are not allowed on the allotments at Vicarage Lane or School Gardens, unless with an adult and on a lead. There have been reports of dogs running loose and ruining tenants' crops, which is not acceptable.

#### Parish Council Vacancy

The Council has a vacancy for a person who is interested in the way our villages evolve in the future. Anyone interested who would like to know more should contact the chairman, Marcus on 01476 879124 or the clerk Chris on 01664 411705.

#### Parish Councillors

<b>Chairman:</b>		<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	
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*Chris Hill,* clerk



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**JULY NEWS****Parish Council Meetings:**

Monday, 27th July at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom. Please see the Council's website on the day of the meeting for details of how to join the meeting.

**Traffic Issues in Scalford**

The Parish Council is aware that residents are concerned by the volume and speed of traffic through the village and also the number of HGVs transiting the village. The Council has for many years been battling with Highways about these matters with little success, and below you will find excerpts from two recent emails from Highways on the matter of HGVs. It would be helpful if residents would make their views known to the Borough Council and in particular to Cllr Byron Rhodes from the County Council whose area of responsibility is Highways. He can be reached at [Byron.rhodes@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Byron.rhodes@leics.gov.uk). Extract from email 16th June from Highways:

*"Dear Chris,*

*"Thank you for your email. Please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay with our response.*

*"The Council appreciates the concerns of the parish in respect to HGVs and weight restrictions. It is a misconception that the environmental weight restrictions prevent vehicles over 7.5t using roads subject to the restriction, when in fact they do not. Access to load and unload is a legitimate reason why these vehicles can use these roads. However, as mentioned previously, there is no action the Council can take at this moment in time. Any potential changes to HGV routes in the vicinity of Scalford may only be considered once the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road is operational.*

*"With regard to any other concerns in the village which require discussion, the Council is unable to confirm the attendance at face to face meetings. We are more than happy to attend a virtual one. In the meantime, if the Parish Council wishes to advise of all other concerns we can investigate and respond accordingly (and/or discuss at a virtual meeting).*

*Kind regards,"*

**Parish Councillors**

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*Chris Hill,* clerk

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**IRONSTONE WEBSITE**

The Ironstone website is being kept up-to-date with any changes during the present situation. Please use it to access all the latest information as it affects the church and church buildings.

[www.ironstonechurches.org](http://www.ironstonechurches.org) <https://www.ironstonechurches.org>  
Information can also be found on two Facebook pages:  
for the Ironstone Churches and Messy Church at Waltham

**SAFEGUARDING**

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either  
Penny Clemons, tel. 01664 444687 (for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood,  
Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb)  
or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 (for Eaton, Stonesby, Waltham).

## Letter from the Rector

### 'One More Step' - Endings and Beginnings in the 'New Normal'

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Dear Friends,

While lockdown may be easing, it's certainly not 'back to normal' is it? The ongoing social distancing restrictions continue to affect so many aspects of our lives, with all the challenges and stress that adapting to this 'new normal' involves.

That is certainly true for the 'endings' and 'beginnings' we mark in our lives, those important moments of transition from the old and familiar to the new and unfamiliar. Whether it's moving home, leaving or starting a job, retiring, getting married, ending a relationship, ill health, or loss through bereavement, our lives are often punctuated by significant endings and beginnings.

Each of them matters in the story of our lives, and in 'normal' times we would look to mark them in some way. This marking might include a gathering with speeches, gifts and cards, and maybe a service with special prayers or symbolic acts. The event would seek to express the meaning of the moment, and an appreciation of the person (or people) at the centre of the gathering.

However, in the 'new normal' world of social distancing, since gathering in this way is not yet possible, we are having to find other ways to mark endings and beginnings. For example, during this month, school leavers services are certainly going to be rather different.

Normally, there would be a gathering in Church to hold a special leavers service., This service would enable Year 6 children to share memories of their time at the school, and how

they're feeling about moving on. The rest of the school community would say farewell to the leavers, thank them for their contribution to the life of the school, and - certainly in Scalford and Waltham schools - pray for them. It is a very moving occasion, one where both smiles and tears are never far away, and a good supply of tissues needs to be close at hand!

This year, while the nature of these gatherings will be very different, their focus will still remain the same. They will continue to mark an important transition on life's journey, as the leavers move on from their old school before starting their new.

One of the hymns often sung at these services - and indeed at other services like christenings, weddings and funerals - is 'One More Step' by Sydney Carter. This hymn pictures life as a journey, and is a prayer that we might know God's presence with us along the way. The chorus of the hymn puts it in these words:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

With prayers and all good wishes as we journey on,



(John Barr,



## Letter from the Revd James Skinner

Dear Friends,

Some verses in the Bible that are very special to me are found in Isaiah 49:

*"Can a mother forget her nursing child?  
Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?  
But even if that we possible  
I would not forget you!  
See, I have written your name on the  
palms of my hands."*

(verses 15 and 16 NLT)

I think these words can encourage us during this time of lockdown. They are a reminder that none of us is forgotten; we are all special to our Creator and every life is precious. This is something that hasn't always been apparent in some of the recent news headlines in this country and around the world.

On 14th June, the third anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire, many churches in London tolled their bells 72 times in memory of the 72 people who died. Many of those affected are still waiting for answers as to why the fire happened and so many lives were lost; however, enquiries into the disaster are still ongoing, having been slowed down even more by the virus pandemic, and some are feeling they have been forgotten.

Looking further back into this country's history, we also need to recognise that a significant amount of this country's wealth between the 16th and 19th centuries was generated using slavery, where human life was treated as cheap and readily expendable.

June for many Methodist churches was Bible month and during June we have been travelling through the book of Ruth. This is a

small book found after the book of the Judges and before 1 Samuel in the first part of the Bible.

The week I led worship, the focus was on chapter 3 and the issue of identity. Ruth is a young foreign widow who has chosen to move to Bethlehem to support Naomi, her widowed, Jewish mother-in-law. This was a courageous move on Ruth's part as she would be considered an outsider, and of little significance.

In the book of Ruth, Ruth is asked the question: "Who are you?" three times. This question has contemporary echoes in the current "Black Lives Matter" marches and other events in recent history. According to government papers (now in the public domain), since the end of WW2, as a country, we have been struggling to define British identity. What makes a person British? This was brought sharply into focus during the Windrush scandal of 2-18 and is an issue for the "Black Lives Matter" marches now.

Back to the words of Isaiah 49, God says to his people in uncertain times, all people, whoever they are, whatever their background, whatever they have done, are important to God. God does not forget! I find the picture of God's hands carved with everyone's name wonderful and difficult to fully take in! What I do know, even in these challenging times, is that all people are valued by God and this is something that, as Christians, we, too, should remember and practise as we go about our lives.

With best wishes,

*James*

**NOTICES****UPDATE ABOUT RE-OPENING OF IRONSTONE CHURCH BUILDINGS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND PUBLIC WORSHIP**

The government's announcements about coming out of lockdown continue, and you'll have read about the opening of churches from the middle of June for private prayer and funerals, where it is safe and sustainable to do so. From 4th July, it will also be possible for churches to be used for weddings, and for public worship to be offered.

A number of the churches across the Ironstone villages have been looking at ways to open for prayer, and have completed risk assessments. To date, four churches have agreed (via their Parochial Church Council) to re-open at the following time(s) .....

EASTWELL	Sunday from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm and Wednesday from 1.00 pm to 9.00 pm (from 1st July)
EATON	Opening by appointment only on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Please contact Sue Peters on 01476 870476 (from 5th July)
STONESBY	Sunday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (from 12th July)
WALTHAM	Sunday morning and Wednesday morning from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.

At present, due to building work, it will not be possible to re-open either Goadby Marwood or Scalford church, and Chadwell will also remain closed.

We also hope that it will soon be possible to offer public worship in some of the churches, but we are still awaiting for further guidance to determine what might be possible. We are working really hard on re-opening safely (safe for those 'managing' services, and safe for those who attend) and in a sustainable way, and will continue to provide updates in the yellow pages, on the Ironstone Churches website ([www.ironstonechurches.org](http://www.ironstonechurches.org)), church notice boards, and via social media.

Our Bishops have written:

".... While we fully anticipate that some churches will have public services again on Sunday 5th July, many will not - and that is okay!"

We want to see our church buildings re-open, but the Church across the Ironstone villages continues to offer prayer and worship, and to be involved in the work of caring for others in our local communities. If you have any questions, do let me know.

John Barr, Rector

**GENERAL NOTICES****DISCIPLESHIP|EXPLORED**

Following the success of our Zoom course Christianity Explored, we are hosting a new (for us) Zoom course starting on Wednesday, 1st July at 7.30 pm - it is called Discipleship Explored. It's an eight-session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians and it is ideal for people at any stage of their Christian journey. It features brand-new documentary-style films and inspiring real-life stories from around the world. Each Zoom session involves a discussion about what you have seen on the video and lasts only 40 minutes, and it is all completely free.

See more information at <https://discipleship.explored/>

For details of how to sign up, please contact us, Mike or Chris Alexander at [wee3alexander@btinternet.com](mailto:wee3alexander@btinternet.com).

... and I have been asked to include this:

**BONFIRES**

There have been a few bonfires occurring on hot sunny days when we all need to have the windows open. The noxious fumes are particularly a nuisance for people with washing hanging up outside and very upsetting for people confined to their homes e.g. people with illness and those who are shielding.

The regulations state that you are only permitted to have a bonfire before 7.00 pm if there is minimal smoke and wind. If you can't avoid having one please be considerate, avoid hot days and don't burn green stuff.

Thank you.



**GENERAL NOTICES, cont.**



A drawing by Brian Hollingshead of the old Roman Catholic church in Eastwell (view from behind)

**WANTED - GARDENER**

Disabled lady in Scalford searching for a gardener to help her with her small garden

2-3 hours each week

If you can help, please call after 4.00 pm  
07875 743027

**EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING**

During June the church will be floodlit:

*to celebrate the birthdays of:*

**SAM VAN DOORN** on 5th July

**GUY WATFORD** on 5th July

**JUDY GOODSON** on 8th July

**GEOFF GOODSON** on 28th July

*the anniversary of:*

**DAN AND SAM WATFORD** on 25th July

*.. and in memory of:*

**CHRISTIAN THOMAS** on 3rd July, and

**MARY HANCOCK** on 19th July

**THANK YOU**

**D**on and Jean Shields would like to give sincere thanks to the family and all the friends who sent cards, messages and personal greetings as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Special appreciation for gifts, bells and balloons.

In the quietness of the shutdown, we were able to reflect on many happy memories of all those years spent in Eaton.



**EASTWELL TOTE AND 100 CLUB WINNERS**

**TOTE**

79 Marion Wood : 32 Alice Bremner : 78 John Wood  
57 Lucy Rathbone : 53 Didi Powles

**100 CLUB DRAW**

<b>May</b>	1st prize	No 27 Mr & Mrs J Hewson	£35
	2nd prize	No 75 Alan Shaw	£15
<b>June</b>	1st prize	No 37 Linda Morton	£35
	2nd prize	No 15 Ray Hewson	£15

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DOG**

**T**wo unpleasant photos of sheep which were mauled by a dog in early June. These pedigree sheep (and four others similarly attacked) were in a local private field - one had to be put down. The dog's owner did not report the attack: it was, however, reported to the police by the farmer.

Please don't go into private fields with no public right of way: there is an adequate number of legitimate footpaths in the area. It is not flat countryside and livestock in a field cannot always be seen ..... until it is too late.

**COWS  
ALSO  
NEED TO  
SOCIAL  
DISTANCE**



**A reminder to walkers:**  
It may seem obvious, but recently gates have been left open. When you go through, please make sure the gate is firmly closed behind you. There are often cattle from different farms in neighbouring fields, and as there is TB in the area, it is very important to keep them separated to prevent cross-infection.

The picture above shows a double gate built specially to keep cows from different herds, but in neighbouring fields, at a suitable distance from each other. The picture below is self-explanatory!





## EASTWELL FETE

**We are sorry,**  
but due to vulnerability issues in the village,  
our 27th Fete has been cancelled this year

However, we hope to see everyone next year on Saturday, 21st August 2021. Our new website is now up and running - [www.eastwellfete.co.uk](http://www.eastwellfete.co.uk) - and hopefully we'll manage to keep it up-to-date throughout the year (and gradually improve it as we go along!).

### DISTRIBUTION OF THESE YELLOW PAGES

**W**e know we haven't achieved blanket distribution of these pages since the lockdown, and as it was raised at the last Eaton Parish Council meeting, it may be worth saying that if you know of anyone who may like a copy and isn't presently getting one, please let me know ([suewatford@aol.com](mailto:suewatford@aol.com), tel 01949 861256).

Some villages have managed to cover practically everyone, but data protection laws can make it very difficult.

Most copies are sent out by email, but hard copies are available for those who don't have access to email. We just need to know who you are!

donate, the church will be grateful.

We will also certainly have cakes, etc., for sale, and are planning to keep the children occupied with games and craft, etc. We hope to have more information on this next month .....



## EASTWELL MARKET

**In the hope that the lockdown and associated restrictions continue to be eased, Eastwell church is planning to hold a market in the churchyard on**

**SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER**

It is hoped this event will provide the first spade of cash to throw into the giant sink-hole left by the cancellation of the fete.

The basis for the market will be everything given over the past year to sell on both the white elephant and Stella's stall at the fete. We do have loads, but as we're hoping to fill the churchyard with stalls, if anyone has been clearing up and sorting out during the lockdown and has anything they'd like to

## EATON, EASTWELL AND GOADBY MARWOOD HORTICULTURAL SHOW

**For one year only, this year's show will be held on line only.**

The show will have its own web site and entries will be submitted in photographic form.



No entrance fee, no prize money, it's just for fun.  
We are, however, hoping to judge the best entry in each category.  
Entries will be accepted between 20th July and 28th August,  
so you can show your 'exhibits' when they are at their finest.

More details coming soon, so look out for updates on Eaton Chatter, Eaton Village website and posters around the village.  
For any queries, please contact Paul Britton at [pmaxbrit@icloud.com](mailto:pmaxbrit@icloud.com).



### Old Brickyard Secret Tea Garden back serving Safe-Tea from 4th July.

We're delighted to announced that from the 4th July until the end of August, every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday we will be serving tea and cake in our Secret Garden from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

We've converted our Summer House into a chic tea boutique, where you can browse and buy safely using contactless card, our own Old Brickyard branded loose leaf teas, tea paraphernalia, vintage china, cards, art, handmade gifts and local Scalford honey. We will continue to support Hope Against Cancer, the local Leicestershire and Rutland Cancer Research charity, by selling various items.

Our dry composting loo and all we offer and do will comply with government guidelines to ensure a safe experience. We have created the perfect safe outdoor space for you to escape and meet with your friends and family. If you want to guarantee a table, please email me at [oldbrickyardtea@icloud.com](mailto:oldbrickyardtea@icloud.com).

We look forward to welcoming you soon. Anna & Noodle xx

<http://www.oldbrickyardteagarden.co.uk/>

